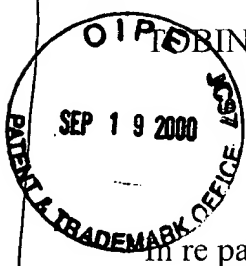


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

To place this application in better form for examination purposes, please amend the

Claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1 to 29 and 50 to 97.

Please amend Claim 30 as follows:

1/30 (Amended). A method for inhibiting the action of TNF for treating conditions of
the optic nerve or retina in a human by administering a TNF antagonist for reducing the

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